

INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION TO HOST PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR HEROES

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 1, 2016

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a special event that took place in my district to honor public safety personnel. On January 23, 2016, Chapter 63 of the International Footprint Association hosted "Breakfast for Heroes" to show their appreciation for the tireless work done by public safety agencies in the High Desert region of California.

"Breakfast for Heroes" took place at the El Pescador Restaurant in Victorville, California and the public was encouraged to attend to show their appreciation. This is the first time that Chapter 63 held a breakfast event to honor High Desert public safety personnel and they anticipated a large turnout of attendees.

Attendees were able to take tours of an ambulance, fire truck, and police vehicles. All proceeds from the event goes towards the Chapter 63 Scholarship Program. The International Footprint Association is a non-profit community benefit organization whose mission is to foster positive relations between law enforcement and the public. During my time as a legislator, I have worked with this organization on numerous occasions and have always been impressed with the work they do in our communities. I strongly encouraged my constituents to attend "Breakfast for Heroes" to show their support for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day.

RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF AURORA'S 30TH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the city of Aurora's 30th annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The commemoration, "The Promise of Democracy: Breaking Barriers and Borders," will allow our city to reflect upon and appreciate the rich diversity that creates the vibrant community we call home.

I commend the City of Aurora, Mayor Steve Hogan, the City Council and especially my longtime friend, Dr. Shannon-Banister, who is the founder of this celebration, for all of their continuing steadfast support of the only week-long celebration in the State of Colorado. I am proud to call the city of Aurora my home.

This past September, Aurora erected a life size statue at our own Martin Luther King, Jr. Library as a constant reminder of Dr. King's selfless dedication to the pursuit of social justice and as an inspiration to continue this pursuit. On Monday, the statue will also serve as an embodiment of Dr. King's very tangible presence in Aurora.

I am confident that if Dr. King were alive today, he would smile upon the kind words and gestures, hours of service, and bonds of friendship that will be offered in his honor this

day. His legacy as a champion for equality and peace in this country still shine, Dr. King would be proud as many fellow champions continue in his tradition and promote his dream.

As we remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., let us embrace and invite all cultures to join us in the brotherhood Dr. King so boldly imagined and let our actions echo his words: "This is not the time to engage in the cooling off or to take the tranquility drugs of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children."

I proudly pledge my support to the residents of Aurora as they embrace Dr. King's vision for our country and as they work to make that vision a reality.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MOLLY H. BOGEN

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to publicly applaud and praise the exceptional work of one of Dallas's finest residents, Ms. Molly H. Bogen. For over forty years, Ms. Bogen has been a champion for the senior citizens of Texas in her role as the Director of Operations for Senior Source. The Dallas-based entity has worked tirelessly to meet nearly every need of our elderly population, a feat that would not have been possible without Ms. Bogen's resourcefulness, devotion, and endless compassion.

Ms. Bogen has dedicated her entire life to dutifully serving her community. She first received her undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University, before moving to United of Texas at Arlington to pursue her Master's of Science in Social Work. This would allow her to become officially licensed by the Texas State Board to practice social work, and begin her exemplary career. Her work with the elderly is now legendary, and she has since come to be recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by both of her alma maters.

Through her work with Senior Source, Ms. Bogen has cemented a legacy that is rooted in the immense imprint she has left on the senior community of Texas and the nation at large. Her appointment as the President and CEO of the organization in 1976 brought about expansion and growth. Recognizing a gap in the community, Ms. Bogen introduced a series of programs devoted to supporting senior citizens with employment, financial management, advocacy and companionship. As such, the organization has now become one of the country's most renowned senior-service providers, and this was in no small part due to the immense love, respect and kindness that Ms. Bogen imparted into her daily work. Her selfless passion will no doubt continue to inspire her dedicated fifty-six-member staff, as they continue to perform and cultivate Ms. Bogen's incredible work.

Mr. Speaker, the extraordinary compassion shown by Ms. Bogen over the course of her

four-decade career is a testament to her magnificent character and commitment to her community. The people of North Texas owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude and wish her all of the best in her retirement. It is hard earned, and may it be one of contentment and joy.

HONORING FREDA ROSENSHEIN AND THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS LADIES AUXILIARY

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans and their National President, Freda Rosenshein. Ms. Rosenshein paid her official visit to the JWVA Florida Department on Sunday, January 24th in Deerfield Beach.

For 85 years, the JWVA has ensured that the rich history of Jewish Americans' service in our Armed Forces is not overlooked. In fact, over half a million Jewish Americans have served in major conflicts since World War II. This organization is unique in its efforts to combat bigotry and anti-Semitism while remaining inclusive of all veterans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity.

Freda Rosenshein's tenure as Ladies Auxiliary President follows her distinguished history of service to the JWVA. She knows first-hand the sacrifice of our veterans and their families, as her father served in World War II, her grandfather served in World War I, and her husband served in Vietnam. Her maternal grandparents were charter members of the JWVA. Ms. Rosenshein served three times as the New Jersey Department President and played an integral role in establishing the David Blick Post No. 63 and Auxiliary in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

During her visit to Florida, she continued her service to veterans by visiting the Ronald McDonald House in Fort Lauderdale and the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach, where she granted a wish to a veteran in hospice care as part of the JWVA Grant-A-Wish Program.

I am proud to honor Freda Rosenshein, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of America, and all the men and women who have defended our Nation through service in our Armed Forces. The debt we owe our veterans and those who selflessly serve them is immeasurable, and we must always strive to be a nation worthy of their heroic sacrifice.

CONGRATULATING SISTER MARGARET CARNEY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Sister Margaret Carney on her upcoming retirement from St. Bonaventure University.

Sister Margaret has served as president of St. Bonaventure since 2004. During her tenure, she has cultivated a vibrant college community by enhancing curriculum, promoting diversity, and developing various strategic initiatives.

Sister Margaret has held several leadership positions throughout her career. Prior to being inaugurated as president of St. Bonaventure University, she served as dean and director of the Franciscan Institute of St. Bonaventure. In addition, she previously served as chair of the board of directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, and a member of the Committee on Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In recognition of her outstanding achievements and contributions, Sister Margaret has been awarded nine honorary doctorate degrees. She has also been honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Business First of Buffalo and the Citation Award from the National Federation of Just Communities.

Sister Margaret truly exemplifies the Franciscan values of pursuing knowledge and serving others. She has had a profound and lasting impact on students, faculty, and the entire St. Bonaventure community.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Sister Margaret Carney on a remarkable career, and wishing her all the best in her upcoming retirement.

RECOGNIZING BOB AND MARIE
GALLO

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Bob and Marie Gallo, who will be awarded the Robert J. Cardoza Citizen of the Year—Lifetime Achievement Award from the Modesto Chamber of Commerce, for their unwavering commitment to their community.

Bob Gallo was born in Modesto, California to Julio and Aileen Gallo. He spent his early years on their family ranch and graduated from Modesto High School. He continued his education at Oregon State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business and Technology in 1956. Bob served in the United States Navy for two years aboard the USS *Yorktown*.

Marie also was born in Modesto, California to former Superior Court Judge Frank C. and Mae Damrell. Graduating a year after Bob at Modesto High School, Marie attended Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree and her elementary teaching credentials. Following her graduation, she came back to California where she started teaching at Alamo Elementary School in San Francisco. As if it were written in the stars, Marie returned to Modesto and married the love of her life, Bob.

Both Bob & Marie have a strong belief in improving the quality of life for the people in their community. Their contributions of time and money are well documented in the numerous organizations they are involved in.

Bob Gallo has been active in the United Way, the Grand Jury, Community Action Commission, King-Kennedy Center, Rotary International, Human Rights Commission, Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, and on the Board of Trustees of the University of California, Merced. In addition, he has worked to expand the Modesto Union Gospel Mission and received an award from The Sal-

vation Army for his leadership in raising monetary funds. He has served on the board of American Farmland Trust and was the driving force behind the San Joaquin National Wildlife Refuge. Currently, Bob is Co-Chairman of the Board of E. & J. Gallo Winery. Not to be outdone by her husband, Marie has been a part of the Modesto Symphony Orchestra and Guild, where she established the Picnic at the POPS concert, which has been held annually on the winery grounds since 1995. She is also a founder of the Catholic Honorary Social Service Guild, an honorary member of the Modesto Rotary Club and of the Women's Auxiliary, and is a founding board member of Central Catholic High School. She held a prominent role in bringing the Sisters of the Cross to Modesto from Mexico and also served as a member of the "Christmas Angels" bell ringing team for the Salvation Army for numerous years. Marie played a vital role in the construction of the Gallo Center for the Arts with the support of her husband and family.

Bob and Marie, who were married in the summer of 1958, will celebrate their 58th anniversary in July. Together, they raised 8 children and were blessed with twenty-two grandchildren; to which they have passed along the importance of family church and commitment to the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Bob and Marie Gallo for their recognition from the Modesto Chamber of Commerce with the Robert J. Cardoza Citizen of the Year—Lifetime Achievement Award. Their years of dedicated service to the community are to be commended.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING SECOND LIEUTENANT MY-RANDA KELLY QUINATA OF THE GUAM AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions and achievements of Second Lieutenant My-Randa Kelly Quinata of the 254th Force Support Squadron of the Guam Air National Guard, Guam National Guard. Second Lieutenant Quinata was promoted to Second Lieutenant on September 20, 2015. She is the first medical service corps officer and the first female of the Guam Air National Guard to receive a direct commission.

2nd Lt. Quinata currently serves as the Health Services Administrator of the Guam Air Guard's newly formed five member medical unit. She works in the civilian sector as a Health System Specialist in Aerospace Medicine in Medical Standards and Exams under the Base Operations Medical Cell at the 36th Medical Group, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

She has a long record of service and has dedicated her life and career to serving our country in different capacities. My-Randa joined the active duty Air Force in March 2003 and graduated from the Health Services Management course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas in 2003. She also served in other health services administration roles as an out-

patient records technician, information systems technician, medical office manager, medical control center noncommissioned officer and noncommissioned officer in charge of patient administration.

Before her separation from the active duty Air Force in 2014, My-Randa served at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas and at the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam. She was also deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base in support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. My-Randa was also the recipient of the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Good Conduct Award, the Global Terrorism Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Rifle), the Air Force Training Ribbon, the 2008 Pacific Air Forces Health Services Airman of the Year Award, and the 2008 Medical Support Services Airman of the Year Award.

Second Lieutenant My-Randa Kelly Quinata is dedicated to the mission of the Guam Air National Guard and finds strength in the support of her leadership, fellow guardsmen and her family.

This is a very proud moment for the island of Guam and the Guam Air National Guard. I join the people of Guam in congratulating Second Lieutenant My-Randa Kelly Quinata and the 254th Force Support Squadron and Guam Air National Guard on this achievement. I also extend a special congratulations to her husband Derrick and their children, Taylor, Trevor, Talon, Tana. I thank her for her contributions to the community of Guam and I look forward to her future contributions and success.

HONORING MAE DUKE

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mae Duke, who is being recognized by the Century Village Democratic Club for her distinguished service as President.

As part of the "greatest generation," Mae's life embodied the American dream. Mae is a first generation Jewish immigrant raised on Coney Island, New York and overcame numerous obstacles to complete her education and work as a laboratory technician. Mae married Sam Duke, a New York City Police officer, in 1947, and together they raised four children in Brooklyn.

Since her youth, Mae has believed in the importance of public service, civic duty, and participation in democracy. After her four children enrolled in public school, Mae ran for the local school board. Later, she and her husband started a youth league at their local synagogue. Today at age 89, Mae resides in West Palm Beach where she remains active with local community groups and as the President of the Century Village Club. She is adored and admired by her 4 children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Wherever her life has taken her, Mae Duke has selflessly volunteered her time and efforts to better her community. I am pleased to join